



Joel M. Hebein

January 14, 2026

Joel M. Hebein, age 68, passed away peacefully on January 14, 2026, surrounded by love.

Joel was the devoted husband of Sue Hebein, with whom he shared over 33 years of marriage, partnership, and countless memories. He was a loving and proud father to Tabitha (Rick) Pierce, Jackie (Derek) Krentz, and Crystal Truettner, and a cherished grandpa to Ashley Pierce and Austin and Emma Krentz, who brought him endless joy.

He is also lovingly remembered by his sister-in-law, Diane (Jim) Dzicdzie, along with many extended family members and dear friends. Joel was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ruth (née Janz) Hebein, and his brother, Jack.

Family meant everything to Joel—though he often joked that his motorcycle came in a close second. A skilled and dedicated machinist, Joel worked for Wiscon for over forty years before retiring in 2024. He truly embraced life outside of work, enjoying the outdoors, fishing trips on the Fox River with his daughters, traveling the country on his motorcycle with his wife—especially trips out West—and spending treasured time with his grandchildren in Montello.

Joel will be remembered for his strong work ethic, his sense of humor, his love of adventure, and most of all, his deep love for his family. He leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and unforgettable memories that will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

A private cremation was held.

Tribute Wall

MA

“ At this moment
No words can comfort enotion's stay
Those tears explode to such vast beyond
Nothing at all. ... Is really okay.....

Heaven plucked Joel from life itself
Called him home, within the blink of an eye
Oh, how we cried from such a loss!!
As he spread wide his wings to up and fly

We'll truly miss you Joel..... that we know
You were the best... the best of all
There's a hole in our hearts that struggles to heal
Ever since Heaven made it's call

Just maybe.... somehow..... you could lay a hand upon Sue's
shoulder
Share her tears... so out of control
Whisper to her how much you love herstill.....
Cause, right now.... she's really not dealing with the loss of her love,
that death stole

And, whenever I glance towards the Heaven
I'll think of you, Joel. .. riding your harley across the sky
Free.... as free as a bird
Who's eager to fly!!!

With a smile
Upon your face
May you.... at last.... rest in peace.. Bn
After being dealt with life's painful chase!!

Composed by.....your friend
Marcelina Agbuis. (Nicole Lopez's Mom)

Marcelina Agbuis - January 18 at 01:02 PM

EG

“ *May the many good memories bring comfort in the days to come and pride in the legacy he leaves.*

Joel,

I will always remember your unforgettable laugh and kind smile. You were so humble and always good conversation.

I will hold the memories of you close to my heart—afternoon lunches, trips to the state fair, run-ins at the hardware store, summer days at the pool, and the tropical vacation.

I will smile when I think of you.

Erica McNamara Guerra - January 16 at 10:49 PM

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Erica McNamara Guerra - January 16 at 10:48 PM

RP

“ So sorry Sue he truly loved you 😞 he will be missed 😞

Renee Pawelczyk - January 16 at 06:27 PM

NL

“ Joel became an awesome friend of mine when Sue introduced him to me. We went on road trips together and festivals. Even spent quite evenings just hanging out at their house. I will truly miss him.

Nicole Lopez - January 16 at 06:07 PM